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**CLASSIC DIAMONDS PERFORM  
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SOLD for \$1,205,000: an important diamond rivière necklace

**Colored gemstones and diamonds achieve sparkling prices  
at Fine Jewelry sale in New York**

**New York** – Bonhams Fine Jewelry sale on June 22 made \$3.8 million with diamonds and colored gemstones leading the way.

**Connoisseur pieces**

The auction was led by an important diamond rivière necklace that sold for \$1,205,000 weighing 79.20 carats in total. The stunning necklace features Triple X-cut diamonds that are of the highest cut, polish and symmetry grade. The graduated line of fifty-two round brilliant-cut diamonds are joined together by a heart-shaped clasp. "This was one of many pieces in the auction that exemplified connoisseurship," said Susan Abeles, Director of Fine Jewelry at Bonhams US. "The necklace – which is similar to one that Beyonce wore at the Oscars' after-party – shows that round

diamonds are storming back into fashion. This set of diamonds has a classical, timeless elegance that shines through.”

### **Colored stones in high demand**

The sale also confirmed the company’s recent claim that 2015 will be the year of the colored gemstone. These stones were sought after by bidders from around the world who were paying a premium for gems that are becoming increasingly hard to source on the market or at auction. For instance, enthusiastic bidding rapidly drove up the price of a turn-of-the-century imperial topaz and diamond pendant brooch that realized \$87,500, more than 9 times the high estimate. The brooch, mounted in platinum and rose gold with diamonds, is of “exceptional quality”, said Abeles.



A fine 25-carat sapphire and diamond ring by M. Gerard also attracted interest from around the globe before it achieved a magnificent result of \$581,000, as did a pair of emerald and diamond earrings that made \$118,750, more than double its estimate.



Susan Abeles, Director of Fine Jewelry at Bonhams US commented, “Buyers know quality when they see it and this auction shone with exquisite pieces that were fought over by bidders from around the world.”

The next Fine Jewelry sale at Bonhams will be held on July 7 in the UK, at the Oxford saleroom.

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